MC-Secure on Mac OS X 10.5 and above

MC-Secure is our new secure wireless connection for students and employees of Madison College. It requires the user to have a valid user ID to login to the network in order to use it. The following steps will connect a user’s computer to the secure wireless network.

1. Open System Preferences from either the dock or from the Apple menu.

2. Look for the Network system preference, see above, open it.

3. Look through the list of networks and select the Airport or wireless network connection. Click it to see its options.
4. With the Airport connection highlighted, click on the popup menu titled Network Name.

5. Select MC-Secure from the list as seen above.

6. Now, you will be challenged to enter in your network ID for verification purposes. This ID is usually the blackboard login ID, email ID and so on. Then enter in the password for this ID, see below.

7. A dialog window should appear showing you the certificate verification needed for joining this network.

8. Click on the “Show Certificate,” see above. The Certificate window appears.
9. Click on the Always trust check box as seen in the previous picture.

10. You will be asked to enter in your administrator’s user name and password to allow for this to happen. In most cases, this will simply be your usual name and password used to login to the Macintosh. Click on the Ok button.

![Image of Always Trust dialog box]

11. We are now back in the network system preference, the network may show as being MC-Secure, but to ensure we get a valid address to connect to the network. We will now turn off Airport and then re-enable it. The picture below shows our connection as off. See the red button.

![Image of network system preference with Airport off]

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12. Now, click on the Airport connection, turn it back on. The red button turns yellow as it is becoming enabled again.

13. Now, click on the popup menu to select MC-Secure from the list of available networks. Because we have already selected the needed options, it will simply connect without any prompts.

14. When your airport connection is attempting to get a valid address to use, the red button will turn to yellow.
15. When your connection is made, the yellow button will turn to green. It will not show as a self assigned address either.

16. We are finished, you can close the system preferences and begin using your computer wirelessly.